

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. South Vietnam

a. Two key elements have finally given the new High National Council their public, if conditioned, support.

b. Militant Buddhist leader Tri Quang has urged his followers to give the Council a chance to carry out its promises. The leader of the new People's Revolutionary Committee, Dr. Quyen, has said much the same.

c. Their statements considerably improve Khanh's chances of lasting out his 60-day mandate.

d. The Council is expected to publish a draft provisional constitution soon, but differences among the membership are likely to slow its work on other problems.

2. Congo

a. Red Cross officials now in Bujumbura have been unable to arrange another visit to Stanleyville.

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b. Their request to the Stanleyville rebels drew a reply signed by Soumialot and saying that "President" Gbenye was absent and nothing could be done before 12 October. Chances are that Gbenye left to attend the Cairo conference, but we have no confirmation.

c. The Red Cross plane is likely to be sent back to Switzerland within the next day or so.

d. [redacted] rumors, brought by travelers from Stanleyville, that US personnel there are being mistreated.

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e. Tshombé, according to press reports, arrived at Cairo at dawn today, but his plane was not allowed to land. It flew on to Athens.

f. The conference sponsors, Nasir, Tito, and Madame Bandaranaike, have asked Kasavubu to come in Tshombé's stead. Kasavubu is unlikely to accept.

3. Cyprus

a. The Turkish Cypriots are holding up a settlement on control of the Nicosia-Kyrenia road.

b. They are willing to let the UN check and convoy unarmed Greek civilians, but they want Turkish Cypriot police to control the road and handle non-Greek travelers.

c. Our embassy in Nicosia thinks a lot more pressure from Ankara will be required to make the Turkish Cypriots knuckle under.

d. Makarios' absence from the island during the nonaligned conference in Cairo will probably hold up further negotiations.

e. The embassy reports the general impression in Nicosia that the Cypriots got very little from their recent dealings in Moscow.

4. Italy

a. Moro, in trying to make a truce in the bitter fight between his own left-wing Christian Democratic faction and Fanfani's right wing, may drive the Socialists out of his coalition and bring on a new crisis.

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b. Leaders of the Christian Democratic factions have agreed on a party program, but the left believes it does not have enough reform in it to satisfy Nenni and Saragat.

c. The Socialist leaders do not believe they can give much more ground in keeping the "opening to the left" open.

NOTES

A. Indonesia-Malaysia

[redacted] Djakarta intends to move one more army brigade to Borneo and two to North Sumatra. The moves are probably part of a contingency plan against a British and Malaysian attack on Indonesia.

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B. Ecuador The junta has given in to Guayaquil's demands for autonomy and will release all persons arrested during the past few days. Almost constant demonstrations over the weekend forced the junta's hand. The US consul cautions that the agreement announced last night may not completely calm the situation, since the protest movement may now be controlled by elements determined to bring the junta itself down.

C. Syria The ouster of ineffectual Prime Minister Bitar on Saturday puts Baathist-oriented military leaders in direct control of the Syrian Government. Lt. Gen. Amin al-Hafiz, the new premier and long-time strong man of the regime, is reported ready to make peace with Nasir in an effort to end Syria's isolation in the Arab world. Nasir's vendetta with the Baath Party, however, and the hostility of the Nasir-backed regime in Iraq make his success unlikely.

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- D. USSR The government has sharply increased the price it will pay for gold bought from the population, another indication of its worry over its gold position.

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- E. Haiti A new group of some 30 to 40 exiles is believed to have landed near Port Salut in southwestern Haiti. The rebels probably intend to join up with the few exiles still operating in this area.